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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

ALEXIS T. BELL, et. al.

Application No.: 10/627,254

Filed: July 24, 2003

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF  
ACETYL ANHYDRIDES AND  
OPTIONALLY ACETIC ACID FROM  
METHANE AND CARBON DIOXIDE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 4197

Examiner: Zucker

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1621

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.